



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

HOLLY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

Pickens

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 202

Principal: Donna Harden

Superintendent: Dr. Henry Hunt

Board Chair: Jim Shelton

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Average	N/A	Gold	Met	N/A

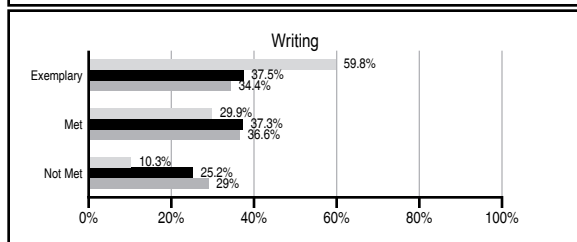
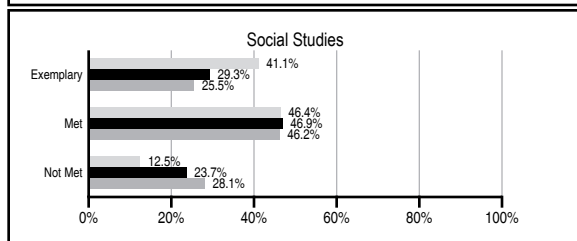
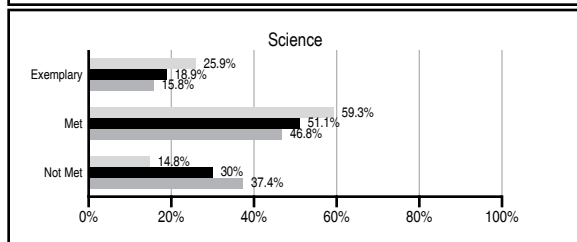
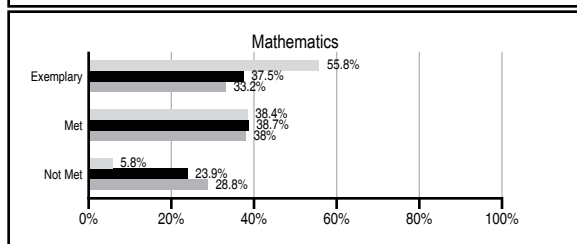
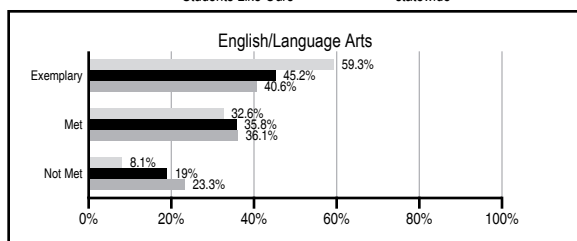
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	38	41	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

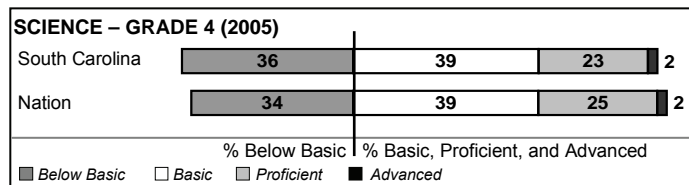
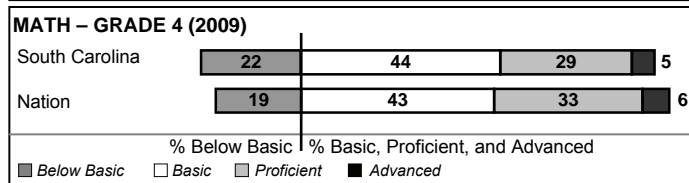
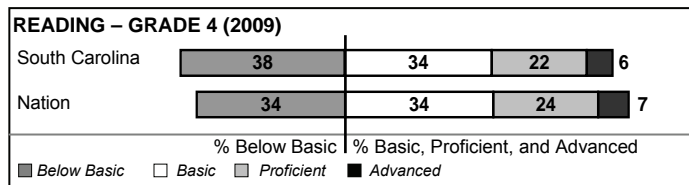
PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=202)				
Retention rate	5.3%	Up from 2.9%	1.2%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 96.7%	96.1%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	31.1%	Up from 17.9%	14.8%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	8.6%	Up from 5.6%	8.3%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No Change	0.3%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=17)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.7%	Down from 70.6%	59.3%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	94.1%	No Change	85.9%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.4%	Up from 91.2%	86.7%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 97.9%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,665	Up 3.5%	\$47,490	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	8.3 days	Down from 14.7 days	10.3 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.8	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.6 to 1	Down from 18.8 to 1	20.0 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.5%	Down from 93.8%	90.8%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,170	Down 6.0%	\$6,883	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.5%	Down from 56.2%	68.9%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	50.7%	Up from 50.4%	65.8%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	21	30	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	96.7%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	90.0%	93.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	96.7%	78.6%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Holly Springs Elementary School is located in the rural, mountainous northern section of Pickens County. We serve students in grades K4 through fifth. We are a child-centered "community" school with the motto, "Holly Springs Elementary, Where Small Paws Make Big Impressions," which is indicative of the emphasis we place on the welfare of our wonderful student population. With the help of our PTO and community, we provide excellent instruction in a warm and inviting atmosphere. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. We were Scholastic Book Fairs Kids Are Authors national winners for five years in a row. We have won first place on three occasions and received an honorable mention for two years. No other school in the nation has ever won the award more than once. Another national award was won in 2004 for the Pizza Hut "Book It" contest. Our fifth grade class competed nationally and won \$20,000 for our school library along with a Nickelodeon celebration for the entire school. For the past twelve years, we have had students receive gold and silver awards at the district level science fair. We are certified as a "School Yard Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation and received a "Carolina Fence Garden" certification from the South Carolina Wildlife Federation. A community garden club helps maintain the grounds. Holly Springs Elementary has a very effective guidance program that promotes service learning in our students. Our guidance counselor was named "South Carolina Counselor of the Year" in 2000.

The nursery rhyme program, fairy tale plays, Thanksgiving feast, fall festival, heritage fair, spring fling, reading celebration, family fun nights, and fifth grade celebration involve the entire community. With the addition of the Young Appalachian Musicians Program, our school and community relations have grown to a new level. Beginning in January 2008, students participated in music lessons learning how to play traditional blue grass music. This program has now been expanded into Pickens Middle School as well as into three other neighboring elementary schools and is gaining state-wide and national attention.

Holly Springs Elementary has been recognized for student achievement with both Palmetto Gold and Silver awards over the past nine years with the most recent being Palmetto Gold awards in the General Performance category as well as for Closing the Achievement Gap. Several grants have been awarded to Holly Springs Elementary School in recent years. Grants include \$26,000 from the National Endowment of the Arts awarded in the spring of 2010, along with numerous EIA grants, Eat Smart It's In the Garden, and various South Carolina Humanities Council Grants. We were named a Red Carpet School in 2006 by the State Department of Education for having a family-friendly school environment and providing excellent customer service.

Donna Harden, Principal

David James, Chairperson, School Improvement Council

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